

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph **0001** with the following rewritten paragraph:

**[0001]** This application claims the benefit of priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/433,191, filed December 13, 2002, entitled “Repeater Housing Packaging Having Multiple Cable Joints.” This application is also related to copending United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/687,547 [~~Attorney Docket No. 9005/11~~], filed on even date herewith, and entitled “Optical Amplifier Module Housed in a Universal Cable Joint For An Undersea Optical Transmission System”, the contents of which are incorporated by reference in their entirety.